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SUBJECT: UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD - DRAFT RES TO
UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION FROM UNICEF
EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION RECOM-
MENDING THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION CONSIDER AND ENCOURAGE
APPROPRIATE ACTION TO MEET THE BASIC SERVICES OF
CHILDREN. DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION REQUESTED.

QUOTE

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

APPEAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF TO THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF,

RECALLING ITS DECLARATION AT ITS SESSION IN MAY 1974 OF AN EMER-
GENCY FOR CHILDREN WHICH DREW ATTENTION TO THE GRAVE DANGER OF A
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FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN MANY COUNT-

RIES AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY
NUMEROUS NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT IS DECLARATION WAS ENDORSED BY THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL 1/ AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2/

HAVING RECEIVED, WITH DEEP CONCERN, RECENT REPORTS OF ALARMING DETER-
IORATION IN THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND SERVICES ON THEIR BEHALF
IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOTWITHSTANDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE
MAINTENANCE OF THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECT-
ED COUNTRIES,

BELIEVING THAT THIS DETERIORATING

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LEVEL BY PEOPLE SELECTED FROM THE LOCAL POPULATION. THEY COULD BE
GIVEN SHORT TRAINING COURSES AND MAY BE EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME
BASIS, WHILE CONTINUING THEIR PREVIOUS OCCUPATION. THIS APPROACH IS
APPLICABLE TO VILLAGE-LEVEL WORKERS IN HEALTH SERVICES, AGRICULT-
URAL AND HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSIONS, VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY IM MANY
AREAS, LITERACY TRAINING AND WOMEN'S SERVICES. IN EACH CASE THE
MAIN TASK OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF BECOMES THE SUPPORT OF THE WORK-
ERS IN THE VILLAGES AND URBAN PERIPHERAL AREAS.

3. THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CONFERENCES IN BUCHAREST ON POPULATION
AND IN ROME ON FOOD TAKEN TOGETHER RESULTED, INTER ALIA, IN A GEN-
ERAL ENDORSEMENT OF THIS TYPE OF PRACTICAL APPROACH.

4. SUPPLEMENTING THIS BROAD CONSENSUS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, THERE
HAVE RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED A SERIES OF MORE DETAILED STUDIES ON
PRACTICAL MEANS TO EXTEND THESE BASIC SERVICES. WHO, IN CO-OPERATION

WITH UNICEF, HAS JUST COMPLETED A STUDY OF APPROACHES TO MEETING BASIC HEALTH NEEDS, RELATING ESPECIALLY TO CHILDREN AND MOTHERS. UNICEF, IN CO-OPERATION WITH FAO AND WHO, HAS COMMISSIONED A STUDY BY THE HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ON CHILD NUTRITION WHICH HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED. UNICEF ALSO RECENTLY FINANCED A STUDY, IN CO-OPERATION WITH IBRD, UNESCO AND OTHERS, ON NEW APPROACHES TO NON-FORMAL EDUCATION. EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IS AVAILABLE ABOUT VILLAGE HOUSEHOLD WATER SUPPLY. THE NET EFFECT OF
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THESE AND OTHER STUDIES, AS WELL AS THE ACCUMULATED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE AGENCIES CONCERNED, IS THAT THERE IS NOW A LARGE BODY OF DETAILED KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE ON HOW TO GO ABOUT THE CREATION AND RAPID EXPENSION OF THESE MUCH NEEDED BASIC SERVICES.

5. AS TO THE AMOUNTS OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED, THROUGH BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, IT HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE FOR UNICEF OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, TO CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS. IT DOES, HOWEVER, SEEM CLEAR FROM ILLUSTRATIVE EXPERIENCE THAT THE COST, WHILE LARGE IN RELATION TO WHAT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR THESE PURPOSES IN THE PAST, WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE ENTIRELY FEASIBLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE ESTIMATE BEFORE THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOR \$1,000 MILLION A YEAR PRIMARILY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING AND SOME ATTENTION TO HEALTH CARE IS A USEFUL INDICATOR. WITHIN A FEW YEARS, SOMETHING OF THE ORDER OF \$2,000 TO \$3,000 MILLION WOULD BE REQUIRED ANNUALLY FOR THE LARGER GROUP OF SERVICES DESCRIBED ABOVE, NATURALLY, THESE FUNDS SHOULD FLOW THROUGH MANY CHANNELS: BILATERAL AID, THE DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING UNICEF. THIS SUM SHOULD BE SEEN IN RELATION TO THE \$30,000 MILLION OF CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE THAT THE IBRD ESTIMATES WILL BE NEEDED BY 1980.

6. WHAT IS PRINCIPALLY REQUIRED ARE FUNDS FOR THE TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE VARIOUS INSTALLATIONS, AND DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MANY OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO MEET THE START-UP COSTS. A SIGNIFICANT CHARACTERISTIC OF THESE BASIC SERVICES IS THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO OPERATE AT RECURRING COSTS WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD ULTIMATELY AFFORD, OFTEN WITH A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMUNITIES SERVED.

7. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BELIEVES THAT IF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION COULD STIMULATE AN ADDITIONAL FLOW OF RESOURCES OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE FROM THE BETTER-OFF COUNTRIES, AND A SUFFICIENT COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE APPROACHES OUTLINED HEREIN, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATIONS - ESPECIALLY THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED - HAS ALREADY SUFFICIENT COHERENCE AND EXPERIENCE IN PRACTICAL CO-ORDINATION TO DO ITS PART, THROUGH ITS OWN AGENCIES AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH BILATERAL AID PROGRAMMES. SOME NEW METHODS OF ACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY, AND SOME ARE ALREADY BEING DEVELOPED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO

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THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. UNICEF, FOR ITS PART, IS ACCUSTOMED
TO CO-ORDINATING ITS ACTIVITIES THOROUGHLY WITH
THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED AND WOULD BE READY TO PARTICIPATE
FULLY IN THE LARGE ENDEAVOUR HEREIN DESCRIBED.

NOTE: 1/ ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1880 (LVII).

2/ GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3250 (XXIX).

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